



EAST PROVIDENCE PREVENTION COALITION

January 12, 2015

Minutes Taken By: Pam Bird, Secretary

Attendance:

Courtney Lacerda	Pam Bird
Jennifer Wall	Scott Rose
Deb Shaw	Katie Saraiva
Sgt. John Andrews	Officer Doug Borden
Catherine Legault	Susan Dunnington

1) Introductory Remarks: Courtney Lacerda

a) Call meeting to order

- 6:10 by Chair Courtney Lacerda

b) Welcoming & Introductions

- Around the table introductions- skipped since we all knew each other. But Jen gave an update on members that couldn't be in attendance. Scott suggested we keep updates on member's status of family.

c) Announcements

- Director Craig Stenning of BHDDH resigns- was not reappointed by the new Governor. Don't know who will take his place.
- Other personal or professional announcements?- none at this time.

2) Secretary's Report: Pam Bird

a) Sign In Sheet

- Passed around sign in sheet and asked members to update accordingly.

b) December Minutes

- Reviewed December minutes. Could not vote due to lack of quorum. Tabled this agenda item till the February meeting.

c) Suggestion to change April 20th board meeting to April 13th

- Discussed why we should move the meeting. Jen will be out of town and its school vacation week. Since we couldn't vote due to lack of quorum, we did reach an overall consensus to move the meeting. Tabled this agenda item until February meeting.

- d) Sub-Committee assignments
 - Reviewed list of sub-committee assignments which was based on completed interest forms. Asked if anyone would like to be added or removed. No one at this time. Reminded everyone that each voting member should be on at least one sub-committee. Could not vote due to lack of quorum. Tabled until a future meeting.
 - e) Membership Report
 - Deb Shaw Voting Rights - could not discuss or vote on since there wasn't quorum. Apologized to Deb and tabled till February meeting.
 - Mentioned to Katie that she should consider becoming a voting member. Her third consecutive meeting would be in February.
- 3). **Treasurer's Report:** *Scott Rose due to absence of Treasurer Britney Dias*
- a) Updates on Grants/Proposals
 - Scott read all funding updates and proposal.
 - b) November & December Expenditures
 - Reviewed December and January expenditures. Status quo. Mostly just salary charges.
 - c) Fundraising Sub-Committee Reminder
 - Reminded everyone that immediately following this meeting, the fundraising sub-committee will meet to further discuss the egg hunt.
- 4) **Programmatics:** *Jennifer Wall*
- a) Recap of Community Food Drive - Pam Bird
 - Everyone gave suggestions on restarting the church food pantry. Recapped how much food was collected. Food is still being collected, on-going.
 - b) Recapped Toy Drive & Dinner- Pam & Scott
 - Scott and Pam let everyone know it was a nice turnout. At the dinner they collected 336 toys/gift items as well as \$500 in food gift cards to donate to Children's Friend. Altogether, 956 items were collected in total.
 - c) Programmatic Updates- reviewed.
 - d) Prescription Drug Take Back Disposal Updates
 - Incineration options- discussed the different options available to the EP Police Department.
 - Prescription Drug Disposal Box- it has been set-up in the EPPD lobby and has been bolted to the floor.
 - Marketing Timeline- discussed having a soft launch, then marketing it a lot around egg hunt time and having a take back day. Waiting on meeting with Police Chief to confirm everything.

- Take Back date in April- discussed having a final Take Back Day event, in May as opposed to April. Better timing. Less going on.

e) Townie Leadership Academy Update

- There were 60 Cohort One graduates.
- Partnership with 212 Health & Performance – very well received. Reviewed materials provided by 212 Health and Performance to students in board members packets. Students liked Alicia Capellan a lot. Very relatable.
- Future plans to branch out to other club organizations.

f) Assemblies

- Texting & Diving Assembly - February 2, 2014. All EPPC board members are invited along with the Police Chief and School Committee. RI Attorney General's Office puts this on. It Can Wait Campaign.
- Meeting with Colleen Holland on 1/22 to discuss Purple Project. Would launch event in the Spring. Would ask 4th or 5th grade students "Why are you drug-free" and they would respond in essay, rapping, poetry, etc form. Members of the board and others would judge. Would open this up to Whiteknact and Orlo, since these are schools we've worked with in the past and are within walking distance to City Hall. The actual event would take place in City Council Chambers.

5) **Other:** *Courtney Lacerda*

- a) New Business - no new business.

6) **Trending Now:** *Courtney Lacerda*

a) Dept. Of Health Youth Risk Behaviors Health Survey Posters

- Show and Tell- showed everyone posters. Passed them around.
- Discuss placement at EPHS- Deb explained the posters and the statistics. Jen mentioned that very rarely do BHDDH and the Dept. Of Health work jointly together. Only one set of posters were given out to each high school or prevention coalition who requested them. They are too expensive to make copies of. Best places to post them would be: health classes, main doors, side doors (smoking one), science wing and english wing.

b) RI Rankings on 3 major Issues

- Discussed the WPRI Article which stated that RI youth aged 12+ were the highest in the country for illicit drug use and marijuana use.
- Discussed Providence Journal Article which stated that RI has the 3rd highest alcohol poisoning deaths in the country.
- Discussed these statistics in regards to the size of RI.

c) EPPC December Newsletter

- Reviewed and included a copy in board members packets.

7) **Closing Remarks:** *Courtney Lacerda*

a) Next Meeting- next meeting February 9, 2015.

b) Motion to Adjourn- adjourned the meeting at 7:16pm but couldn't vote on it due to lack of quorum.